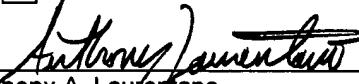




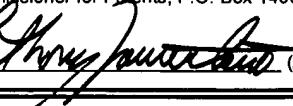
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. SIW-025
Application No. 10/010254-Conf. #5647	Filing Date December 6, 2001	Examiner A. Y. Ortiz	Art Unit 1732	
Applicant(s): Masajiro INOUE et al.				
Invention: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEAL-INTERGRATED SEPARATOR				
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, please amend the above-titled application as set forth below.